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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO WRITTEN OPINION (PCT RULE 66)

Sir:

In response to the Written Opinion dated 22 December 2000, substitute page 13 is being filed herewith to correct a clerical error ("button 11" on page 13, line 3 should be "button 111"), A new Abstract of the Invention is being filed to correct the number of the plunger, and new pages 16-23 are being filed herewith to amend claims 1, 7-10, 17, 18, 23, 24, 26-29, 31-35 and 38.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the latching and release apparatus release the holding member and the containers held thereby away from the housing without any physical contact by the user, for non-contaminating disposal after the injection process. Claim 23 was amended to recite that separate rams are provided for moving the plungers in each of the cartridges to dispense injectate from each of the cartridges simultaneously. The claims have been amended to replace the "means" terminology with other words such as "apparatus" or "device."